

Department of Transportation  
Town of Old Saybrook  
Project No. 310-0065  
Parking Lot Expansion at Shore Line East Railroad Station

Public Information Meeting Held at  
Old Saybrook Middle School Auditorium  
60 Sheffield Street  
Old Saybrook, Connecticut  
October 16, 2013

Minutes

**Present:**

CTDOT

Eugene Colonese – Rail Administrator  
Theodore H. Nezames – Principal Engineer  
Keith A. Hall – Project Manager  
Susan Morneault – Civil Engineer  
Robert W. Ike – Office of Rights of Way  
Paul Andruskiewicz – District 2 Construction

Other officials

Marilyn Giuliano – State Representative, 23<sup>rd</sup> District  
Carl Fortuna, Jr. – First Selectman, Town of Old Saybrook  
Jean Davies – Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments

**Presentation:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Mr. Hall provided a brief overview of the project including the project history, project features, the activities that have been completed to date and the activities that remain. During the overview, Ms. Morneault pointed out the various elements of the design to the audience. Mr. Ike then gave a brief overview of the property acquisition process. The formal presentation ended with a discussion of project schedule including the intent to complete design activities including permits in Spring 2014 followed by start of construction in Fall 2014. Following the presentation was an informal question and answering period.

**Public Comments and Questions:**

The meeting was attended by approximately 20 people including DOT, Town officials, residents, the property owner and the developer who is planning to construct an affordable housing project on abutting property. Discussion centered on mostly on traffic concerns and there were questions about how the size of the lot was determined. With respect to the first issue, the Department pointed out that a preliminary traffic investigation had been completed but

that a filing with the Office of the State Traffic Administration would not occur until such time as an offer for the property was made. With respect to the second issue, the Department pointed out that the final size of the lot, 3.6 acres, was the result of a collaborative process with the town, the property owner and the developer to balance the needs of each. A lot with an approximate 200 car inventory would allow commuters to stop parking along North Main Street and reserve space for bus/transit pickup and drop-off within the lot.

Access from the lot to the station crossing North Main Street remains to be coordinated with the Town and AMTRAK. Several persons in the audience asked about the possibilities of improvements to North Main Street either by widening or including sidewalks. Improvements of this kind may be beyond the scope of this project but could be included in any developer required improvements.

Prior to closing meeting, the audience was reminded that the deadline for comments is October 30, 2013.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.